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SUBJECT: SR-71/OXCART SENSOR SYSTEM COMPARISON

REF A: MEMORANDUM FOR MR MCNAMARA AND MR NITZE FROM :

HAVE → SECRETARY BROWN, DATED 2 OCT 67; SUBJECT: SR-71/OXCART
COMPARISON (BYE 22421-67)

HAVE → B: MESSAGE FROM DIA, DIAXX-8439, DATED 6 OCT 67

WE HAVE → C: MESSAGE FROM JCS, BYE 8693, 14 OCT 67
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1. OPCEN IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OPERATIONAL
GUIDELINES IN REFERENCE C; HOWEVER, OPCEN DOES NOT BELIEVE
THAT THE PROPOSED ROUTES SATISFY THE INTENT OF THE COMPARISON
FLIGHTS AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCE A. REFERENCE A IS VERY EXPLICIT
IN STATING THAT THE COMPARISON CONSIDER SUITABILITY FOR
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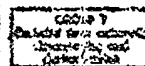
MANNED OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE OF NVN OR ELSEWHERE. THE RESTRAINTS WITHIN WHICH THE SR-71 OR OXCART MUST OPERATE OVER NVN ARE HIGHLY RESTRICTED AND OTHER LIKELY AREAS OF OPERATION ARE LIKEWISE HEAVILY DEFENDED AND DICTATE RESTRICTED APPROACH AND WITHDRAWAL ROUTES. THE TWO PROPOSED ROUTES WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY STRAIGHT FLIGHT LINES WITHOUT SPECIFIED EVALUATION TARGETS DO NOT SIMULATE THE NVN OR OTHER OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.

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5. FOREGOING IS SUBMITTED FOR RECONSIDERATION AS TO THE ADEQUACY OF THE PROPOSED COMPARISON FLIGHTS TO ACHIEVE THE STATED OBJECTIVES. PLANNING IS CONTINUING AT THIS TIME LAW
REF C.

6. THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO DNRO AND DR. HORNIG.

END OF MESSAGE

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